

A Special Meeting of Town Council for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 9:05 am in Council chambers.

Present: Mayor D. Devenne Deputy Mayor F. Kangata Councillor Alice Burdick (via videoconference) Councillor P. Carver Councillor J. Feeney Councillor R. Nowe Councillor K. Wilson CAO, Dylan Heide Town Clerk & Deputy CAO, M. Hughes Manager of Finance, Ashley Yeadon-Wentzell

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Land Acknowledgement

Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'kma'ki. The ancestral, present and future territory of the Mi'kmaw people. Today, we gather with the intent followed by the living Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation and coexistence.

<u>1. Agenda</u>

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Feeney, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to move the closed session to the beginning of the meeting." Motion carried.

2. Closed Session

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata at 9:07 am, seconded by Councillor Nowe to go into Closed Session to discuss the acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property, personnel matters, and contract negotiations, as permitted by MGA (22)(2)(a),(c), and (e) respectively.

Council arose from closed session at 12 noon.

3. Discussion of Draft 2022/23 Annual Budget

Having had the opportunity to review the draft 2022/23 Budget presented on July 6, 2022, members of Council had the opportunity to pose questions to Manager of Finance, Ashley Yeadon-Wentzell regarding the draft.

A motion by Deputy Mayor Kangata, seconded by Councillor Carver, "THAT Council refer a discussion of the development of a Reserve Policy to the Policy and Strategy Committee." Motion carried.

4. Staff Reports

<u>4.1 Facilities Improvements for 2022-23 Budget (deferred from June 30/22)</u> This report has been deferred to the July 22, 2022 special Council meeting.

<u>4.2 Recreational Assets for 2022-23 Budget (deferred from June 30/22)</u> This report has been deferred to the July 22, 2022 special Council meeting.

4.3 Service Extensions for 2022-23 Budget (deferred from June 30/22)

A motion by Councillor Carver, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to reach out to MODL staff to discuss any interest in extending Town water/wastewater services into Mader's Cove." Motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Feeney, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT Council direct staff to provide a ten-year cash flow analysis to extend water service to the Cleveland property, to include the benefits to the utility for incremental costs and revenue, and report back with that information to the special meeting of Council on July 22, 2022." Motion carried.

It was agreed this report would also appear on the July 22, 2022 agenda for further discussion.

4.4 Low-Income Property Tax Subsidy

Council received a staff report, as requested, on the implications of a change in the Low-Income Property Tax subsidy, as outlined by motion of Council on June 14, 2022. Attached to the Staff Report was a draft amended Low-Income Property Tax Subsidy, amended to reflect the proposed changes to the subsidy which staff had been asked to consider. Per the Council Policy this report will next appear on the agenda for the regular meeting of Council on July 28, 2022. Council adjourned upon motion at 1:02pm

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